

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 with the following rewritten version:

In this fishing line guide mechanism, the fixed shaft cover includes a first recessed portion that is disposed such that the bail of the fixed shaft cover is interposed between the recessed portion and the first guide portion. Further, the first recessed portion is formed as ~~[[a]] an indented concave~~ portion in the side opposite the first guide portion at a point closest to the spool. Here, since the fixed shaft cover includes a first recessed portion which is ~~[[a]] an indented concave~~ portion at a point closest to the spool, a sufficient gap is maintained between the spool and the fixed shaft cover. Further, the overall size of the reel will not have to be increased relative to conventional reels, and the fixed shaft cover can be prevented from coming into contact with the spool.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 16 with the following rewritten version:

-- As shown in Figure 5, the fixed shaft cover 46 includes a first guide portion 46a and ~~[[a]] an indented concave~~ portion 46b. The first guide portion 46a guides the fishing line along its outer circumference. The ~~indented concave~~ portion 46b is disposed such that the bail 41 of the fixed shaft cover 46 is interposed between the ~~indented concave~~ portion 46b and the first guide portion 46a. The ~~indented concave~~ portion 46b is formed at a portion of the fixed shaft cover 46 closest to the spool 4, as ~~[[a]] an indented concave~~ portion on the opposite side of the first guide portion 46a. The ~~indented concave~~ portion 46b includes a first recessed portion 46d and a second recessed portion 46c. The second recessed portion 46c is disposed such that the bail 41 of the fixed shaft cover 46 is interposed between the second recessed portion 46c and the first guide portion 46a. Further, the second recessed portion 46c is formed on the opposite side of the first guide portion 46a. Referring now to Figures 3 and 5, the first recessed portion 46d is disposed such that it is connected with at least one portion of the second recessed portion 46c on the side thereof nearest the line roller 44 and is formed ~~by making with a concave portion~~ at a point otherwise closest to the spool 4 recessed. As shown in Figure 5, the first recessed portion 46d is recessed discontinuously from the second recessed portion 46c with an edge portion 46h. In addition, the fixed shaft cover 46 further

includes a conical portion 46e and a cylindrical portion 46f. The conical portion 46e is smoothly joined with one end of the bail 41 near the apex of the conical portion 46e. The cylindrical portion 46f is smoothly and integrally attached to the bottom surface of the conical portion 46e on the side nearest the line roller 44 and which has a diameter that is approximately equal thereto. As shown in Figure 5, the first recessed portion 46c is recessed discontinuously from the cylindrical portion 46f. Of course, the portion of the cylindrical portion 46f closest to the mounting portion 40b has a larger diameter than the line roller 44 to accommodate the line roller therein. The second recessed portion 46c is formed in the conical portion 46e. The first recessed portion 46d is formed in the cylindrical portion 46f where the cylindrical portion 46f meets the conical portion 46e, such that the first recessed portion 46d is further recessed relative to the second recessed portion 46c and the cylindrical portion 46f. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 9 with the following rewritten version:

Thus, when the fishing line is guided by the line roller 44 and a large amount of tension is applied to the fishing line, the line roller 44 is pushed inward toward the spool 4 by the fishing line. However, as seen in Figures 3 and 4, in this spinning reel ~~[[a]]~~ an indented ~~eeneave~~ portion 46b is formed in the fixed shaft cover 46, and has ~~[[a]]~~ an indented ~~eeneave~~ portion in a portion thereof that is on the opposite side of the first guide portion 46a and at a point closest to the spool 4. Due to this structure, even if the line roller 44 is pushed toward the spool 4, it is not necessary to use a reel that is relatively large, and the fixed shaft cover 46 can be prevented from coming into contact with the spool 4, because a sufficient gap is maintained between the spool 4 and the fixed shaft cover 46.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 9 with the following rewritten version:

According to the present invention, in the fishing line guide mechanism of the spinning reel, the fixed shaft cover includes a recessed portion disposed opposite the guide portion such that the bail of the fixed shaft cover is interposed between the recessed portion and the guide portion. Further, the fixed shaft cover has ~~[[a]]~~ an indented ~~eeneave~~ portion in

the recessed portion at a point closest to the spool. Thus, increasing the overall size of the reel is unnecessary, and the fixed shaft cover can prevent contact with the spool.

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten version:

A fixed shaft cover of a bail arm includes a first guide portion that guides line along its outer circumference, and ~~[[a]]~~ an indented ~~concave~~ portion that is disposed such that a bail is interposed between it and the first guide portion. The indented ~~concave~~ portion further includes a second recessed portion disposed to interpose the bail between the second recessed portion and the first guide portion, and a first recessed portion that is disposed at a portion of the fixed shaft cover closest to the spool. The first recessed portion is connected at least partially with the second recessed portion on a side closer to the line roller.